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Sir:

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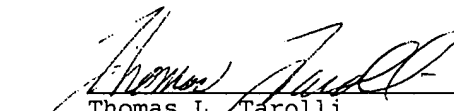
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	<i>Integrated Domestic System an Appliance Manufacturer's Approach... Household, Scire et al.,</i>
	Digest of Papers from Comcon Spring, Feb. 23-26, Conf. 22, XP 000745615
	<i>Intelligent Home Technology Looks for Leverage From Related Markets, Computer Design,</i>
	Vol. 36, No. 12, Dec. 1997, Pgs. 85-87, XP 000754856
	<i>Smarter Stuff, Byte, Margolin, B., Vol. 22, No. 6, June 1997, XP 000691560</i>

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